

MINUTES ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC
April 3, 2003

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Pro-Tem Miller presiding. The meeting was called to order, and the following were present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ric Miller
Council Member Ray Craft
Council Member Pat Dunn
Council Member Rose H. Glover
Council Member Chip Little
Marvin W. Davis, City Manager
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk
David A. Holec, City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Robert D. Parrott
Council Member Mildred A. Council

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller explained that the purpose of this informational meeting is to discuss the third priority from the January Planning Session—Reorganization of Government.

Council Member Craft explained that the reason for setting this priority was for the staff and Council to look for opportunities for efficiencies within the City and other agencies, such as working with Greenville Utilities or the County, not only to cut costs, but also to improve service.

City Manager Davis explained several areas where the staff is currently working with other agencies such as the Humber House issue, the firing range, the drug task force, and the stormwater project, to mention a few.

The Council brainstormed on opportunities and came up with the following list:

- Opportunities for joint ventures/work programs with Greenville Utilities Commission and improving services—Information Technology, Human Resources, Public Information Office, etc.
- Opportunities for pooling resources for Information Technology
- Opportunities with Pitt County—Inspections and Recreation
- Stormwater management appropriate for Greenville Utilities Commission?
- Shared opportunities with Winterville

- Combining Planning and Engineering (what do other cities do?)
- Sanitation privatization (survey other cities and their level of service)
- Council develop their philosophy for goals

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller concluded by stating that the City Council wants more emphasis placed on looking at efficiencies.

City Manager Davis informed the Council that due to the fact that the budget preparation time was cut tremendously in order to give Council more time to review it, the date set for the budget meeting (April 17th) is going to be too soon. He suggested that the meeting originally scheduled for April 17 be rescheduled to April 28 at 5:30 p.m. It was decided that the meeting would start at 5:30 and be limited to three hours. Sandwiches will be available for the Council at 5:00.

Council Member Dunn suggested the formation of a committee consisting of a few Council Members and a few County Commissioners to come up with possible areas of efficiency. She stated that she personally felt that quality of service is the best benchmark. The question is, “can we maintain the level and quality of service and do it more efficiently?”

Council Member Glover expressed that when the budget is approved by the Council, that is their benchmark. She suggested that the Council needs to set their philosophy as a Council and then after the budget is approved, the departments set their goals.

The Council asked the department heads for feedback, and several department heads expressed that they felt that looking at ways to work with other agencies for efficiencies was a good thing to do. They expressed that this is currently being done in many areas and that staff constantly looks for ways to coordinate efforts.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Little to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, CMC
City Clerk